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1. AFRICAN HERITAGE STUDIES ASSOCIATION (AHSa) ORGANIZED EIGHT YEARS AGO FOLLOWING SPLIT IN AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP OVER DIFFERENCES AT CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL. AHSa REPRESENTSPREDOMINANTLY BLACK SCHOLARS INTERESTED AFRICAN STUDIES AND APPEARS TO BE LEGITIMATE FORUM FOR RESEARCH IN AFRICAN STUDIES. DR. RONALD WALTERS, FORMER PROFESSOR, HOWARD UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION. DR. JAMES TURNER OF AFRICANER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY IS A PAST PRESIDENT. DR. JOHN HENRY CLARKE OF HUNTER COLLEGE, DR. ELLIOT SKINNER OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, AND DR. HUGH SMYTHE FIGURE AMONG THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBESHIP.

2. ACCORDING TO CONFERENCE PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON, JOAN WILSON, DR. ADERIBIGBE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PRESENT PAPER ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN LETTER OF INVITATION. AHSa HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT HAS NOT SUGGESTED THAT INVITED GUESTS SEEK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE

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FOR TRAVEL TO CONFERENCE, BUT THAT THEY ARE MOST
INTERESTED IN HIS PARTICIPATION SHOULD HE BE ABLE TO
MAKE CONTRIBUTION. EAGLEBURGER

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